# Chattanooga Police Department



## Annual Report 2013

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Interim Chief of Police



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# Chattanooga Police Department 3410 Amnicola Highway From the Office of the Interim Chief of Police

The Chattanooga Police Department is committed to taking every lawful action within our power to ensure our residents and visitors are safe and secure as they go about their daily lives and businesses in the Chattanooga area. Before we can succeed with this goal, we must identify, target and prioritize the major problem areas within our city as we make plans to implement our new Violence Reduction Initiative to reduce violence crimes.

We will use all applicable legal and legislative resources to continue to leverage pressure on groups who insist on committing violent crimes in the Chattanooga area. It has been publicized via the news media that criminal activity will not be tolerated in this city and efforts are underway to identify and seek prosecution of all criminals who choose to commit violent crimes in the city of Chattanooga, TN.

Officers of the Chattanooga Police Department are committed to enforcing the laws to the best of their abilities and to legally and permanently remove criminal groups from our communities. We will continue to work with local and federal law enforcement agencies, the District Attorney's Office, Probation and Parole, and many others in our multi-disciplinary efforts to develop long-term solutions to the crime-related issues we are currently experiencing.

We welcome and value input from our law enforcement partners and the community. We welcome all qualified citizens to participate in our ride-along programs and our Citizens' Police Academy as a means of observing officers' performances of their daily duties. Citizens' Police Academies are conducted twice a year. Citizens' Police Academy graduates will have the opportunity to continue their relationship with the police department by becoming a member of Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association (C.P.A.A). C.P.A.A. volunteers support us during the Riverbend Festival, community events, natural disasters, and other events that bring us together with citizens and visitors during good times and bad times. The officers of the Chattanooga Police Department enjoy interacting with people of all ages and backgrounds from the areas they serve on a daily basis.

The commanders of the Chattanooga Police Department regularly attend and participate in community meetings as a means of solving crime-related problems in neighborhoods and improving the quality of life throughout the city.

We are proud to have a diverse, well-trained police department of men and women serving our city. Many of our officers hold various advanced degrees, certifications, military experience and other forms of specialized training that bring a skilled set of diversified and dedicated men and women to the Chattanooga Police Department. They put their lives on the line daily to protect our city.

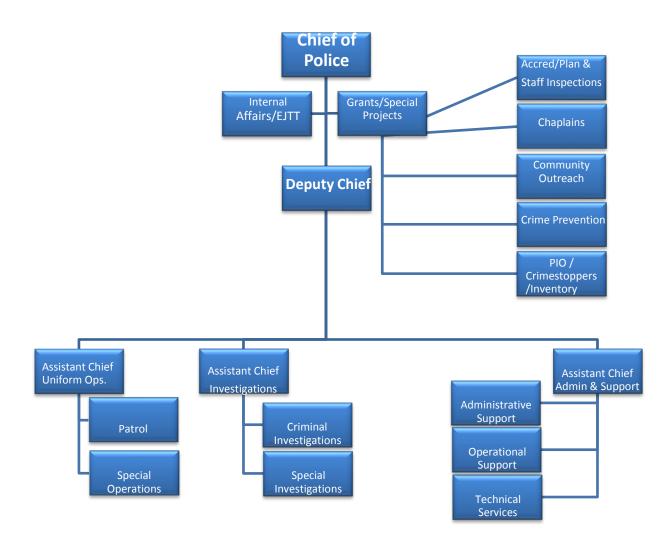
The city of Chattanooga is a great place to live, work, and play. The men and women of the Chattanooga Police Department will continue to work hard to make sure Chattanooga continues to provide a safe place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

Interim Chief of Police Stanley C. Maffett

## Chattanooga Police Department

Revised August 2013



# City Wide Statistical Comparison 2011 to 2013

	2011	2012	2013	2012 vs. 2013 Percentage of Change
Part 1 Crimes	12,037	12,869	12,902	+0.26%
Homicide	25	24	18	-25.00%
Rape	36	43	54	+25.58%
Robbery	386	477	376	-21.17%
Agg. Assault	1,028	1,211	1,187	-1.98%
Burglary	2,484	2,397	2,261	-5.67%
Larceny	7,307	7,769	8,053	+3.66%
Auto Theft	771	948	953	+0.53%
Accidents	9,420	13,489	13,470	-0.14%
Incidents	125,393	130,024	126,458	-2.74%
Adult Arrest	12,348	12,568	8,135	-35.27%
Juvenile Arrest	595	597	275	-53.94%
Field Interviews	4,387	4,975	5,275	+6.03%
Calls for Service	212,034	220,914	221,346	+0.20%
Moving	72,010	48,766	35,854	-26.48%
Non- Moving	34,969	18,666	2,075	-88.88%
Total Citations	106,979	67,432	37,929	-43.75%

## **Internal Affairs**

## **Captain David Roddy**

Below is a summary of complaints that have been handled by the Internal Affairs Division for the calendar year of 2013.

## **Internal Affairs Investigations of Policy or**

#### <u>Procedure Infractions (PPI's) – 13</u>

Citizen Complaints	7
Administrative	6

## **PPI Case Status:**

Sustained	2
No Action Taken	0
Justified	0
Not Sustained	0
Unfounded	10
Exonerated	0
Open/Pending	1

## **Internal Affairs Investigations**

## of Alleged Part 1 Offenses – 72

Citizen Complaints	35
Administrative	37

## **IA Case Status:**

Sustained	12
No Action Taken	10
Justified	5
Not Sustained	1
Unfounded	16
Exonerated	5
Open/Pending	23

## **Allegation Breakdown for Part I Investigations for IA Cases:**

False Arrest	11	Fact Finding	21
Improper Arrest	2	Conformance to law	2
Untruthfulness	1	Code of Conduct	7
Neglect of Duty	4	Unappreciated comments	1
Code of Conduct	7	Violation of Extra Job Policy	3
Conformance to Law	2	Violation of Disciplinary Procedures	1
Failure to Supervise	1	Excessive Use of Force	17
Improper Procedures	3	Discharge of firearm/shoot	8
Improper Reporting	1	Theft	1
Illegal Search	1	Improper Procedures	4
Improper Search	1	Conduct Unbecoming	3
Violation of CJIS	1	Harassment	1

#### **Assignment of Cases for Internal Affairs Personnel:**

Lt. Jason Irvin # 897	PPI Investigations 0	Internal Affairs Investigations 07
Sgt. Sarah Moody # 1005	PPI Investigations 5	Internal Affairs Investigations 22
Inv. Vinnie Holoman #787	PPI Investigations 5	Internal Affairs Investigations 20
Inv. Alexis Mercado # 215	PPI Investigations 6	Internal Affairs Investigations 20

**Supervisory Inquiries -** There were 66 complaints in 2013 that were handled by the supervisors as supervisory inquiries. These complaints and the findings along with any action taken against the officer were documented in Blue Team.

## **EXTRA JOB TRACKING UNIT**

Total Extra Jobs for 2013- 161 Jobs were advertised on PowerDetails. Below were the listed permanent extra jobs for 2013.

➤ Permanent – 1,139

# CRIME PREVENTION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH Sgt. Wayne Jefferson

The Community Services Division is broken down into two (2) units, the **Crime Prevention Unit** and the **Office of Community Outreach**.

Month	Citizens Police Academy	Police Dept. Tours	Citizens Police Alumni meeting	Home Safety	Citizen Contacts	Community Meetings	Other Agency Meetings	NHW Started	Code Enforcement Inspections	Child ID Events	# of Children	Explorer Meetings
January	0	0	2	2	80	3	6	1	1	1	12	3
February	0	0	2	0	57	2	9	3	0	1	28	3
March	1	1	2	0	145	3	6	3	2	0	0	2
April	1	1	2	0	78	2	3	0	4	0	0	4
May	1	0	2	3	52	1	3	1	0	0	0	3
June	0	0	8	1	1000	0	2	0	0	1	239	10
July	0	1	2	1	268	7	4	3	1	1	13	7
August	0	0	2	3	63	2	4	1	3	0	0	3
September	1	1	2	0	123	4	6	1	0	0	0	4
October	1	2	2	4	800	6	8	2	6	3	49	4
November	1	2	2	2	321	3	6	1	2	1	8	4
December	0	1	2	6	142	3	5	0	2	1	10	3
Totals	6	9	30	22	3129	36	62	16	21	9	359	50

- ➤ The Crime Prevention Unit attended training events during the fiscal year including: Boy Scouts Youth Leader Training, Neighborhood Watch Training, Crime Prevention for Neighborhoods and Explorer Post training.
- ➤ The Crime Prevention Unit provided Crime Prevention Training to citizens and taught holiday safety classes.
- ➤ The unit attended 36 community meetings and started 16 new Neighborhood Watch Groups.
- ➤ The Crime Prevention Unit provided Child Fingerprinting and Identification to 359 children during community events including Home Depot Safety Day, Community Safety Fair, Amazon Friend Day, Eastern Stars Kids' Day, National Night Out and Riverbend.
- ➤ The Crime Prevention Unit assisted Neighborhood Services with 21 code inspections.
- ➤ The Chattanooga Police Explorer Program is designed for youth, ages 13-21 interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement. The Explorer Program enrolled 39 kids this year. We gave out 15 care baskets to needy families for Thanksgiving (help of FOP, Lodge 22).
- ➤ The Explorers attended two competitions this year: Savannah, Ga. Summerfest, in which we scored 1st in Suspicious Person, 1st in Warrant Service, 1st in Escaped Inmate and 2nd in DUI Stop, out of 31 other Police Explorer groups.
- ➤ The Explorers competed in the Winter Fest Competition in Gatlinburg, TN and scored 3rd in Warrant Service, 10th Felony Traffic Stop, 6th in Uniform Dress, and 21st place in Physical Challenge out of 49 other Explorer groups. We also hosted an Unknown Trouble event.
- ➤ National Night Out 2013 was October 1st and 52 neighborhood groups participated. Crime Prevention Unit coordinated the event and provided a guide to city officials of participating neighborhoods. The kick off spot for 2013 National Night Out was at the East Chattanooga Recreation Center, hosted by Avondale, Wheeler Ave., Glass Farms, Bushtown, Churchville, Riverside Neighborhood Association, (Echo Team) Glenwood, Battery Heights and Lincoln Park.
- > The Crime Prevention assisted the patrol division on 3 nuisance abatements and 5 evictions.
- ➤ The Crime Prevention Unit taught at the Police Training Academy and attended 3 career fairs.
- ➤ The Office of Community Outreach and CPAAA held the Community Safety Fair on October 12th at Riverpark. Over 500 people attended the fair and received information on crime prevention, fire prevention, code enforcement, identity theft, severe weather safety and health care.
- Community Outreach held two Citizens' Academies this year with 53 total graduates including 10 refugees from Sudan Africa.
- ➤ The Citizens' Police Alumni held monthly informational meetings and board members attended the national meeting.

## **Uniformed Services Command**

## SECTOR 1 / PATROL

## Captain Eric Tucker

Sector One is 71 square miles and runs from north Hixson south through downtown, Main Street, Southside neighborhoods and into Alton Park, Saint Elmo, and Lookout Valley. Alpha team currently has 5 patrol districts, Bravo team, 4 patrol districts, and Charlie team, 4 patrol districts.

Overall Sector One experienced a decrease in overall crime by -2.67%. Alpha team had a slight increase of 0.34%, Charlie had an increase of 7.62%, and Bravo team had an impressive decrease of -22.09%. The numbers showed an increase in auto theft, overall of 7.83%. The largest percentage increase was in the category of rape and homicide. In the category of rape, Charlie team was unchanged in numbers compared to 2012 but, Bravo was up by 3 reported incidents and Alpha was up by 9. In a significant number of these reported sexual assaults, the victims had been incapacitated by an intoxicant and the victims were acquainted with the suspects involved. While it is difficult to enforce this type of crime it was a significant increase and continued analysis of patterns will be monitored. Homicides were a number which showed an increase percentage- wise but, comparing the numbers of each zone from 2012 showed Alpha had 1 reported for both 2012, 2013, Bravo had 1 reported for 2013 compared to zero the previous year, Charlie had 3 for 2013 compared to 2 reported for 2012. The most significant decrease in crimes against persons was in the category of robbery, which was down -33.96%.

In Alpha zone Lt. Noorbergen has been working with investigations on a number of property crimes. One of Alpha teams recent collaborations allowed Patrolman Eiler McCall to work with property crimes investigators on a theft ring in the Hixson area. The investigation led to a number of arrests and cases cleared. Lt. Noorbergen has also done an impressive job communicating with the community in her zones. She attends quarterly CPIC (Citizen Police Interaction Committee) meetings which are very productive in the mission of our department.

In Bravo zone Lt. Fulgham worked coordinating overtime officers on the weekends and during special events to bring a visible presence to the downtown area. Lt. Fulgham has worked closely with the Chattanooga Visitors Bureau, noting when large conventions and sporting events are coming to the city and preparing to give attention to vulnerable areas where tourists could be targeted. He has worked hard to ensure Chattanooga remains a top player in the tourism industry. Lt. Fulgham has ensured large events are covered and this past year has worked to improve lighting in the downtown area. The increased visibility has been a major improvement in the environmental design and crime prevention. Lighting improvements were made in 2010 at Coolidge Park and the North Shore when crime trends and a light study by the late Captain Jeff Francis showed a need for improvement. This technology moving on the south shore throughout downtown has brought added safety to our pedestrian and cyclists and allowed better visibility to officers on patrol.

In Charlie zone Lt. Corliss Cooper began to proactively address the number of burglaries in the zone. Lt. Cooper encouraged her subordinates to partner with the citizens and encouraged cooperation with the community. Lt. Cooper's outstanding work led to a reduction of burglaries by -7.32 % and a reduction of robberies by -18.75%.

The overall reduction of crime in a number of categories for Sector One is something to be encouraged by, but continued improvement is our goal for 2014. Alpha zone is experiencing too many traffic- related deaths. Lt. Noorbergen has been working with Sgt. David Gibb of Traffic Division on enforcement planning and analysis of crashes, looking for ways to deter aggressive driving. Lt. Fulgham is currently in planning and preparing for the special event season which includes a professional bike race in late May, Riverbend Festival in June. Lt. Cooper has been very "hands- on" in recent issues of gang-related issues in her zone, looking forward to the new initiative by the city to reduce gun violence. The Violence Reduction Initiative will be our biggest challenge for the upcoming year and we look for it to be our greatest victory in years to come.

## **ALPHA ZONE**

## Lt. Kim Noorbergen

#### **Geographical Make Up**

Alpha zone has five districts and covers 41 square miles. The boundaries expand north of the Chickamauga Dam to Highway 27 / Thrasher Pike, west to Moccasin Bend Road and east to Big Ridge. On an average shift there are five officers and one sergeant to cover all of this area. Larcenies (especially from cars) and burglaries continue to be an on-going issue, and officers have worked with our Property Crimes Unit on several occasions as part of surveillance teams in attempts to apprehend burglars.

The patrol officers attend community and CPIC Meetings and establish working relationships with residents in attempt to learn the neighborhoods and the people who live there. Officers educate residents in crime patterns and what information is helpful in solving these crimes. The officers, when not fielding calls, patrol their districts constantly, attempting to maintain visibility within the community. As manpower allows, officers are allowed to attend specialized trainings.

#### **Crime Trends**

Alpha zone experienced a 0.34% increase in reported crime 2013 compared to 2012. Alpha zone experienced a significant rise in the violent crime of rape with an increase of 9 additional reported incidents in 2013. A review of the incidents show most of them are drug- related and the victims knowing the suspects. All other violent crimes were down including robbery, aggravated assault and homicide. According to the statistical analysis crime report for 2013, violent crimes were down in Alpha zone by 30%. Property Crimes saw an increase of 2.99% auto theft, burglary and larceny all saw a slight increase. These issues are being addressed by utilizing crime analysis reports in determining days and times of likely occurrence, officers conducting directed patrols in the neighborhoods and working closely with Property Crimes and Robbery investigators during their investigations. Patrol officers have also attended specialized training, with subject matter including street level interviews of potential suspects, directed patrols and the impact of these efforts and collecting evidence, such as fingerprinting and photographing evidence. At the completion of this training, 9 officers were issued fingerprinting kits and have since been successful in identification of several burglary suspects in Alpha zone.

#### **Continuing Education**

Officers in Alpha zone have received specialized training in the below noted areas during 2013:

- > Interview and Interrogation
- Crisis Intervention
- > FTO (Field Training Officer) Instruction
- Domestic Violence Training
- ➤ Leadership Schools

## **BRAVO ZONE**

## Lt. Scott Fulgham

#### Geographical Make Up

Bravo zone patrol division consists of four districts: Bravo 6 through Bravo 9, with which currently have eight officers each for day, evening, and midnight shifts. Bravo zone is one of the most challenging zones in the city of Chattanooga with a very diverse urban area that is the new center for tourism and many special events for the citizens of Chattanooga and Hamilton County.

We are excited by our vibrant riverfront and the renewal that has taken place over the last several years. We have seen improvements in the southside of the zone that focus on urban living for young professionals and families. This growth in residential living has moved to the immediate waterfront with several new residents enjoying the riverfront and all it has to offer. The MLK/UTC area is a mix of educational institution housing and revitalized urban living. The Onion Bottom Police Station is the newest addition to the area housing Bravo and Charlie teams and should open in March of 2013. The Central City is also focused on with the core business/financial district being the mainstay of the city. The officers of Bravo zone worked very hard for a successful year in serving the citizens of Chattanooga reducing crime and fear, which is the ultimate goal of our zone. While we are pleased with our successes, we strive to improve and look for innovative ways reach our goals.

### **Crime Trends**

Bravo zone experienced a significant decrease in crime complaints this year: -22.09% in reported crimes and a total of 730 incidents for 2013, compared to 937 in 2012. We had a significant reduction in robberies (-54.84%), larceny down (-27.80%), aggravated assaults down (-4.12%), burglary down (-2.56%), auto thefts down (-3.33%), with a total reduction of violent crimes down (-13.08%), and property crimes down a total of (-23.54%).

Several factors contributed to the significant reduction in our reported crimes. I believe that our dedicated Bravo team officers were the #1 factor in the reduction of crime. Other factors included increased lighting in the downtown area, the continuous collaboration with the downtown organizations and our ongoing efforts of our Coolidge Park and Entertainment District Overtime Program. The College Hill Court area remains an ongoing problem within Bravo team. Bravo officers work closely with the officers from the Chattanooga Housing Authority on all major crimes and investigations to reduce crime in this area.

This year we will continue to focus on the reduction of panhandling and graffiti in the downtown area. We will continue our efforts to improve the vagrancy issues in the Miller Park area, as well as #1 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Calls for service were numerous at #1 East 11<sup>th</sup> St., and efforts have been made to reduce problems at this address. We have made contacts with the management of the Patten Towers, and we hope to continue the reduction of crime and disorders at this location. We continue to use directed patrols, plain clothes operations and bike patrol as a means to reduce crime.

#### **Special Events**

Bravo zone plays host to many special events, including Riverbend, the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, running events and holiday parades, just to name a few. We are looking forward to this year's calendar of events. Bravo zone works closely with many city-wide departments to ensure events are public friendly. Safety is considered a top priority for all events. Bravo zone's officers, including bike patrol and police services technicians, work to ensure the success of these events while working closely with other branches of government, as well as public and private sectors.

#### **Bike Patrol**

Bike patrol is one of the busiest and most called upon divisions in the Chattanooga Police Department. The bike patrol officers assisted with over 50 events, including assistance for various departments and community organizations. They are one of the most important security components during the Riverbend Festival. The Chattanooga Convention and Visitors Bureau is a strong supporter of our bike patrol officers and their continuous presence in the downtown area. With their ease of access to areas a patrol car could never go, we feel the bicycle patrol is the most effective way to provide a safe environment for those visiting for either business or pleasure. During the 2013 Riverbend Festival, bike officers were responsible for a number of key arrests and investigations deterring potential disruption of this important community event. Without the bike patrol, many events such as Riverbend, Wine over Water, Head of the Hooch Boat Race, many running events and community functions would not run smoothly without their presence. Bike patrol allows the interaction of the community with the officers, and is important to our citizens and tourists alike.

#### **Bravo Zone Schools / Training 2013**

- > Interview and Interrogation School
- Crisis Intervention School
- > Fingerprint Training with kits assigned
- ➤ IPMBA Police Bike Patrol School
- > Firearms Instructor School
- ➤ Bureau of Justice Assistance VALOR School

## **CHARLIE ZONE**

## Lt. Corliss Cooper

#### Geographical Make Up

Charlie zone has the unique status of bordering Bravo zone at its northern side and Fox zone on its eastern side and the state of Georgia to the south. Charlie zone is a multifaceted area that combines the historic character of the neighborhoods with the young, professional, urban lifestyle that has moved into the area.

Charlie zone also has two sections of the interstate running through the zone: Interstate 27 north and south and Interstate 24 west and east bound that carry a lot of tourists into the zone to visit several of the historic sites such as Ruby Falls, the Incline Railway, Rock City and Reflection Riding. The Lookout Valley area has grown with the addition of a Wal-Mart Super Center on Cummings Highway and the recent boom of hotels and motels. There is an ever increasing growth in the valley area with the Cummings Cove subdivision which includes Black Creek Golf Course. The officers of Charlie zone take pride in the fact that the area continues to have low crime statistics from year to year and strive to stay ahead of the criminal trends that are ever changing as the economic status of so many residents and businesses of Charlie zone have changed. We will strive to stay ahead of the curve with training opportunities and use our best tools, which are our neighborhood and business associations. It is the goal of Charlie zone to ensure a safe and secure environment for all residents, businesses and visitors to our zone and the city Of Chattanooga.

#### **Crime Trends**

Overall, Charlie zone experienced a 7.62% increase in crime. The sergeants and officers were tasked in 2012 to come up with action plans to combat the increase of burglaries that continued in the zone. With their efforts, they reduced burglaries by -7.32%. We concentrated our efforts on group-related violent crimes within the zone by using our residents as informational providers and special assignments with plains clothes personnel, along with Narcotics Division and Crime Suppression Unit. Charlie zone has a great concern with the increasing property crimes increase of 5.07% occurring within the zone along with personal assaults increase of 36.70%. The continued increase of businesses moving into the zone and the revitalization zone bring great economic value to the zone but it also provides more for the criminal element to benefit from.

#### **Special Events**

We also prepare ourselves for events that occur at the facility of Finley Stadium and First Tennessee Pavilion during different times of the year. Charlie zone prepares for additional holiday traffic for Rock City at Christmas, Halloween and for the Corn Maze. Charlie zone also assists with various holiday and school homecoming parades when they occur. Charlie zone wants to ensure that all

participants at the events feel safe and secure while attending their function. This also gives visitors the opportunity to interact with police in a relaxed atmosphere.

#### **Charlie Zone Patrol Division**

Charlie zone patrol consists of four districts: Charlie 10, Charlie 11, Charlie 12 and Charlie 13. There are eight officers for day, ten officers for evening and nine officers for midnight shifts with two sergeants per shift. Charlie zone officers, in addition to answering calls for service, generate innovative ways to prevent crime from increasing in the zone. Officers use tools afforded to them by attending training and putting those tactics to use. The zone is making a conscious effort to identify suspected gang members hanging out in the zone. Zone officers have attended training that will be beneficial not only to the officers but the citizens within the zone. Officers are using knowledge obtained from the training resources and applying them in communicating with victims, suspects and visitors encountered in the zone.

#### **Continuing Education**

Officers in Charlie Zone have received specialized training in the below noted areas during 2013:

- ➤ Interview and Interrogation
- ➤ Advanced Interview and Interrogation
- ➤ Domestic Violence
- > Crisis Intervention Training
- ➤ Leadership Training
- ➤ Wilderness Tactics Survival Tracker Course
- ➤ Human Trafficking
- ➤ Advanced Auto Theft Training
- ➤ Basic Gang School
- > Street Gang Identifiers and Prosecution
- ➤ Elder Abuse SARAH Training
- ➤ Tactical Survival Pistol Course
- ➤ Lifelock Identity Theft Summit
- ➤ Field Training Officer Training
- ➤ Vehicle Burglary Class
- ➤ Basic Traffic Investigations
- > Tactical Ground Fighting Course
- ➤ Court Testimony
- ➤ Back Country Tactics and Tracking
- ➤ ATF Post Blast Investigative Techniques
- ➤ Basic Patrol Rifle Course
- ➤ Survival Pistol for the Female Shooter
- > Firearms Instructor
- > Tactical Ground Fighting Course

## SECTOR 2 / PATROL

## Captain Brian Cotter

#### Geographical Make Up

Sector 2 is the patrol sector that encompasses a large geographical area covering Youngstown Road from Bonny Oaks to Lightfoot Mill Road, to N. Crest Road and S. Crest Road to the Georgia State line. Sector 2 encompasses 3 city council districts and is divided into two zones (Echo and Fox). Within the zones, Echo consists of four patrol districts and Fox contains five.

#### **Crime Trends:**

Sector 2 experienced a slight decrease in Part 1 offenses for 2013. Total Part 1 offenses were down by 1.25%. Sector 2 has always maintained an active partnership with the community by attending CPIC meetings, community events, and by serving on several non-profit committees. This community involvement reduces crime by empowering the citizens to identify problems and contribute to the solutions. Our focus on the police/citizen partnerships helps to reduce the "us vs. them" mentality of the past and encourages all involved to share the responsibility for improving neighborhoods.

**Echo zone** is comprised of four individual districts. There are four officers and two sergeants working each shift. The communities in Echo zone are East Chattanooga, Avondale, Churchville, Bush Town, Orchard Knob, Riverside and Glass Farms.

**Fox zone** consists of five individual districts. There are five officers and two sergeants working each shift. The communities in Fox zone are Highland Park, Ridgedale, Oak Grove, Eastlake, and Clifton Hills.

#### Statistics for Sector 2 - 2013 vs. 2012:

6% decrease in violent crime vs. 2012 .04% decrease in non-violent crime vs. 2012 1.25% decrease in total crime

	2013	2012
Homicides	8	10
Rapes	18	22
Robberies	165	203
Agg. Assaults	535	534
Burglaries	724	782
Larcenies	1697	1618
Auto Thefts	340	362

## **ECHO ZONE**

## Lt. Eddy Chamberlain

#### **Geographical Make Up:**

Echo zone consists of four police districts. Its borders are Youngstown Rd. from Bonny Oaks Dr. to Lightfoot Mill Rd. on the North, N. Crest Rd. on the East, McCallie Av. on the south and the river on the west. The area is primarily residential with a mixture of mostly elderly home owners and low income renters. The area contains a large number of churches and individual communities such as Riverside, Battery Heights, Glass Farms, Avondale, Churchville, Bushtown, Glenwood and Orchard Knob.

#### **Crime Trends:**

Each of the eight neighborhoods mentioned above has a neighborhood association. Some are more active than others, but all participate in our monthly East Chattanooga Improvement meetings. With the help of these associations, community concerns have been identified and addressed efficiently. Residents routinely inform us of problems and our partnership has had an obvious and visible impact. Our success in reducing open air drug sales has allowed us to concentrate more resources toward reducing gun violence. East Chattanooga has seen a steady decrease in Part 1 offenses, but an increase in group member involved gun violence.

#### **Community Interaction:**

Echo team has achieved a reduction in crime over the past several years through strong community partnerships. We are committed to using these partnerships to reduce group member involved gun violence. Our team has already begun studying the VRI (Violence Reduction Initiative) and we are committed to its success. We are meeting with neighborhood groups and non-profit agencies in order to educate the citizens on the value of the VRI. They have been extremely receptive and eager to help.

#### **Training:**

Officers are allowed to attend free training sessions all year long. We alternate the officers so that all officers have equal opportunity to attend the classes in their areas of interest. Many also attend additional schools at their own expense in order to enhance their career development. This training has helped several Echo officers move on to other divisions or to supervisory positions.

- > Interview and Interrogation
- Domestic Violence
- Crisis Intervention Training
- ➤ First Response To Terrorist Attacks
- ➤ Leadership Training
- ➤ Highway Interdiction Training

- > RCTA Basic Narcotics School
- > Auto Theft Training
- ➤ Basic Gang School
- > Elder Abuse SARAH Training
- > Tactical Survival Pistol Course
- > Meth Investigations
- > Field Training Officer Training
- ➤ Sig Sauer Weapons Training

## **FOX ZONE**

## Lt. Glenn Scruggs

#### **Geographical Makeup**

Fox zone is comprised of five districts. On most occasions, our staffing levels are adequate and this benefits the citizens in the community and the officers covering their zones. Each shift is assigned two patrol sergeants. A lieutenant oversees the operations on all three shifts. Fox team's office is located at the Police Services Center at 3410 Amnicola Hwy. Geographic boundaries are – south of McCallie Ave. to the Georgia state line expanding east from Central Ave. to west of Missionary Ridge.

#### **Crime Trends**

Crime analysis data for 2013 vs. 2012 shows that there was an increase of 7% in violent crime in Fox zone for 2013. Two part one offenses show a decrease, rape and robbery. Overall non-violent crime increased 7% as well.

#### **Community Interactions**

Fox zone is committed to the prevention of crime and disorderly situations through the use of problem-solving tactics. The resolutions are embedded in the community-oriented policing strategy emphasizing collaboration with other agencies as well as partnerships with advocacy groups and neighborhood associations. Fox team supervisors and officers have teamed up with the Citizen Police Interaction Committee (CPIC) in establishing a partnership to reduce criminal activity in their communities. The residents in these areas meet with officers every month to discuss crime and other concerns they may be experiencing in their neighborhoods. Supervisors and officers develop strategies to combat these concerns and provide the residents with a follow-up report at the next scheduled meeting. Fox zone encompasses a large geographical area, which is a mixture of residential and businesses.

There are several schools and recreations centers in Fox zone. Through community interaction with group leaders, police are able to monitor closed businesses or homes when the homeowner is either out of town or when houses are vacant. There have been several calls made to the City 311 service in order to have the property owner board an abandoned house, or clean the brush or trash around the house.

Code Enforcement is notified of complaints concerning homes that may need upgrading/demolition. The officers are encouraged to document any activity that they receive from complaints by the residents at the CPIC meetings. They are encouraged to be creative in combating complaints and having a strategy in resolving some of the problems in the zone. In 2013, there have been several officers placed on special assignments to try to curtail some of the drug complaints around the convenience stores and hotels. These complaints have somewhat dissipated when we started dealing with them by making arrests, surveillance working with informants.

## **Training**

Officers in Fox zone have also received specialized training in the below noted areas during 2012:

- > Interview and Interrogation
- Domestic Violence
- > Crisis Intervention Training
- > First Response To Terrorist Attacks
- ➤ Leadership Training
- > Highway Interdiction Training
- > RCTA Basic Narcotics School
- ➤ Auto Theft Training
- ➤ Basic Gang School
- ➤ Elder Abuse SARAH Training
- > Tactical Survival Pistol Course
- > Meth Investigations
- > Field Training Officer Training
- ➤ Sig Sauer Weapons Training

## **SECTOR 3 / PATROL**

## Captain Tracy Arnold

Sector 3 has experienced decreases in the number of homicides (-6), robberies (-27), and burglaries (-74) for the 2013 reporting period, but saw an increase in auto thefts (+5). Sector 3 has recorded the highest total number of reported incidents (39.94%). This resulted in an increase of 3.91% for the sector. Within Sector 3, Delta zone recorded the third highest reported incidents (17.80%) with George zone being first on reported incidents (22.14%) city wide. Sector 3 covers one of the largest geographical areas within the city limits of Chattanooga.

Delta zone has continued with a program of directed patrols in 2013. This initiative began during the holiday season from October through December and involved the monitoring of banks and businesses during the hours of daily operations. Sector 3 placed several officers on extended special assignment duties to specifically address the above noted issues and, as a result, numerous crimes have been interrupted and successfully prosecuted. This increased patrol in 2013 appears to have directly reduced the occurrences of burglaries in Sector 3 in several areas this year.

Sector 3 began holding CPIC (Citizen Police Interaction Committee) meetings in September of 2008 and continue to meet monthly on the second Thursday at 6:30 pm at the Shepherd Rec. Center. These meetings are designed to create a closer working relationship between police and the community groups. The meetings have allowed for a free exchange of information between the police and the community. In 2012, at the suggestion of the community groups we began inviting other divisions within the police department and city government to attend and give an overview of programs and answer questions. In the past two years, thanks to the cooperation of all the divisions within the police department and city government, each division requested presented a program for the groups. The CPIC program has produced a closer working relationship, several problems solved, ideas shared and a better understanding between the police and the community. Several areas of Sector 3 have started neighborhood watch groups and community-based organizations as a direct result of the interactions from these meetings. This program continues to foster better lines of communication within the sector and allows the department to receive firsthand accounts of citizen concerns, address them and report back to the citizens directly affected by the issues at hand. This is an extremely important program and continues to prove itself worthy from both the department point of view and the citizens participating in the meetings.

Both Delta and George zones have continued to work officers on special assignment and directed patrol assignments in both marked and unmarked vehicles to address problem locations and issues within Sector 3 when manpower allows. Many of these special details focused on property crimes, crimes against persons and specific concerns of area residents to include aggressive panhandlers. Several homeless camps and abandoned structures being used by many of the panhandlers and homeless in the area have been discovered and remediated. Some homeless individuals have received assistance in gaining financial and housing aid through city resources with the help of Sector 3 officers and supervisors. Sector 3 had implemented our bike patrol as manpower allowed in 2013 in several neighborhoods. We have been able to use them at special community functions and events. Due to a shift in focus on specific criminal activity and staffing within the sector, the bike patrol has not been utilized as much as the previous year, but with warmer weather approaching, it is our hope to increase their assignments to address larcenies and burglaries. With the use of grants and the support from the community groups, this program has been a great benefit to the citizens of Sector 3.

The lieutenants have used their personnel as it best serves the citizens of Sector 3 and as what was available to them. Both zone lieutenants have submitted reports of accomplishments and concerns from each zone for this report.

## **DELTA ZONE**

#### Lt. Pedro Bacon

#### **Geographical Make Up**

Delta zone is comprised of four districts that are within Sector three and encompasses geographical boundaries north to Lightfoot Mill Road, east to Highway 153, south to East Ridge city limits and west to the crest (east of the tunnels). Staffing levels fluctuate periodically due to manpower issues; under ideal circumstances a total of twenty-four patrol officers are assigned to the zone. Each shift is allotted eight patrol officers. The shifts are assigned two patrol supervisors who hold the rank of sergeant. There are a total of six sergeants assigned to Delta zone. One patrol lieutenant is assigned to Delta zone to oversee operations for all three shifts. Delta zone offices are located at the Police Services Center, 3410 Amnicola Highway.

#### **Community Interactions**

Delta zone encompasses a large geographical area which contains a large business corridor, residential neighborhoods, several schools, two recreation centers, the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport, and portions of two of the nation's busiest interstates. Delta zone has one of the largest numbers of community groups in the city of Chattanooga. Several of the groups take part in the CPIC meetings held monthly. The groups that are active enjoy a good working relationship with our officers who attend community meetings and establish lines of communication to expedite the process of information sharing between the various parties. It is through the relationships built between the police and the community that information is obtained regarding criminal activities in these various neighborhoods. This information is often supplemented by e-mail with community group leaders, office and cell phone calls, and use of the department's Watch List Program. Delta zone monitors Watch List Requests by receiving an email from the dispatch call takers who disseminate the information to a designated email group for officers and management assigned to Delta. The officers then log activity taken for the various locations in his/her district. By utilizing this method, several initiated arrests have been made at or around these areas of interest. This also increases our presence in neighborhoods that are facing unique problems and helps to create trust with those requesting our assistance. The following are a few examples, both problems, in Delta zone and the department's response.

#### **Crime Trends for 2013**

Delta zone saw an increase of 1.19% in Part One offenses for 2013 from the previous year. The increase was due in part to a 2.55% increase in property crimes although there was a 1.5% reduction in crimes against persons. Violent crime reduction for the period was very significant. Robberies were decreased by an impressive 31.8% while murders were down by an astounding 83.3% for the same period. Though overall, property crimes were up, burglaries were reduced by 19%.

Robberies were addressed with dedicated manpower and increased patrols when manpower allowed. This allocated manpower was utilized in the form of patrol officers in plain clothes and vehicles supplemented by the assistance of the Crime Suppression unit. Officers made a concentrated effort to increase field interviews with citizens and suspicious parties in order to gain valuable information.

#### **Continuing Education**

- > FBI Virtual Academy
- > Crisis Intervention School
- ➤ Training Division-Roll-Call Training
- ➤ Bike Patrol
- ➤ Basic SWAT Operations
- ➤ Gang School
- ➤ Homicide Investigations
- ➤ Domestic Violence Investigations
- ➤ RCTA Meth Lab Recognition
- > Fingerprint Class for Patrol Officers
- ➤ Patrol Rifle Class
- > Spanish Level One and Two for Patrol Officers
- ➤ Forensic Computer Examiner
- ➤ Traffic Accident Investigations (Basic and Advanced)
- ➤ Caliber Press Street Survival Seminar
- ➤ Basic Criminal Investigations Class
- ➤ ROCIC Basic Analytical Techniques
- ➤ 40 Hours In-service
- ➤ Elder Abuse Training
- > Tactical Media Relations Training
- ➤ Motorcycle School for Police
- > Threat Assessment in the Urban Environment

The officers assigned to Delta zone are true professionals, which is evident by their desire to continually strive for greatness. The educational level of the Delta zone officers, from their diverse areas of interest as indicated above, has contributed to the tactics used to reduce Part 1 offenses

## **GEORGE ZONE**

## Lt. Tommy Woods

#### Geographical Make Up

George zone consists of five individual districts and is the largest zone in area size when compared to the remaining zones in the city. George zone has grown in size in the past three years due to several annexations on the north and east borders within the zone. These recent annexations have created some residential and business growth in the zone which has increased the call load for the patrol officers. With additional calls for service the George zone officers have continued to work hard to maintain a low crime rate in the zone. The area is currently patrolled by six sergeants and 30 patrol officers. The zone is comprised of Highway 58, East Brainerd, and the Ooltewah area. Parts of Interstate 75 and Highway 153 are also included in the zone. The zone also has two PSTs (Police Service Technicians) who work as support to the patrol officers in the areas of traffic enforcement and car accidents.

#### **Community Interactions**

George zone command officers conduct monthly communications with all the community groups in our zone during the CPIC meetings held at the Shepherd Recreation Center. During these meetings we gain information on all the major concerns of the residents and immediately begin to develop solutions to the problems. This year we addressed the concerns of many residents by having several specialized units speak and answer questions or concerns from the attendees. George zone has the largest shopping business district in Chattanooga, which includes Hamilton Place Mall and all the surrounding businesses. The officers come in contact with a large amount of visitors to our city who come to shop in this area. George zone has maintained a strong channel of communication with the business and residential communities in the zone. This has helped the officers who work this large area maintain a low crime rate and also serve the citizens courteously and with professionalism.

#### **Crime Trends**

George zone experienced a 5.8% decrease in total violent crimes in 2013 and had an 8% increase in property crimes during the same period. The patrol officers have continued to utilize the most upto-date crime data to direct which areas to focus their enforcement actions. The officers have started to use crime trend data to develop a plan to decrease the number of property crimes and burglaries which increased 4.95% during this period. George zone answered 22.14% of all the calls within the seven zones which was more than any other zone and Alpha zone was second with 18.40% total calls.

#### **Joint Proactive Crime Measures**

George zone officers continued their joint operations with the Narcotics and Vice Divisions which resulted in several drug and prostitution arrest at area hotels. They also apprehended several fugitives in the zone, and helped identify potential criminal activity by increasing the number of

field interviews conducted. Several traffic details specifically targeting the interstate/highway roads in the zone were conducted this period.

#### **Continuing Education**

- ➤ Interview and Interrogation- Basic
- > Interview and Interrogation- Advanced
- > Fundamentals of Unarmed Defensive Tactics
- Crisis Intervention
- ➤ Incident Command- Program C, ICS 300, ICS 400
- > Domestic Violence
- Dignitary/Executive Protection
- ➤ Basic Man Tracking
- ➤ Officer Safety
- ➤ Basic At-Scene Traffic Crash Investigation
- > Advanced Traffic Crash Investigation
- > Traffic Crash Reconstruction
- > SARAH Elder Abuse Training
- ➤ Homicide Investigations- IPTM
- > Tactical Command Leadership- IPTM
- > Use of Force Documentation
- Basic Narcotic Investigation

## SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT)

## **Sergeant John Chambers**

In 2013 the Chattanooga Police Department's S.W.A.T. Team continued providing support and assistance to incidents in Chattanooga and the surrounding community. This year S.W.A.T. responded to twenty (20) team activations and seven (7) high-risk warrant services.

Members were assigned to sixty (60) special detail events in 2013 including saturation details, local and Federal warrant round-ups, and protection details. S.W.A.T. officers also assisted various local businesses and other government institutions with site security assessments.

S.W.A.T. continued to be involved in community outreach programs by participating in fourteen (14) demonstrations at area schools, local parades, Go-Fest 2013, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters Tour. Officers from S.W.A.T. also performed tactical demonstrations for citizen programs including the Citizens' Police Academy and Leadership of Chattanooga.

Members attended numerous training courses throughout the year to include Basic SWAT, Basic Sniper, and Less Lethal Operator's Course. Additionally, S.W.A.T. completed all standard tactical training that is conducted during regular bi-weekly training sessions or full scale training exercises. Below is a compilation of the activations for the unit for 2013:

2013 Totals	
Call Outs	20
Warrants	7
Special Details	60
Demonstrations	14

## **TRAFFIC DIVISION**

## Lt. Mark Smeltzer

The unit for 2012 had 2 personnel changes with Inv. Steve Jones leaving in June and Sgt. Chad Sullivan leaving in September. The only addition was Sgt. Adrian Gibb in September. Man-power currently stands at 7 officers and 2 sergeants.

#### **Productivity for the unit in 2013:**

- > Crashes worked- 417
- > Citations issued- 12.102
- ➤ Misdemeanor arrests- 337
- Felony arrests- 19
- DUI arrests- 248

## Productivity for the unit in 2012 for comparison:

- Crashes worked- 397
- > Citations issued- 9808
- ➤ Misdemeanor arrests- 445
- > Felony arrests- 32
- ➤ DUI arrests- 304

The unit had a significant increase in citations issued and this was achieved by increased saturation efforts and a renewed focus by the traffic investigators.

The GHSO presented the unit with an outstanding achievement award in traffic enforcement for our efforts in the area of traffic enforcement.

In 2013, the City of Chattanooga had 28 fatalities. In 2011, the City of Chattanooga had 22 fatalities.

Year 2013 showed a significant increase with traffic citations jumping from 9,808 in 2012 to 12,102 in 2013. The unit conducted numerous traffic saturations and each month the traffic unit had "focus locations" that were designed to pinpoint areas that have speed issues. These activities will be increased in 2014.

The DUI numbers dropped significantly due in part to the DUI investigators being placed on day shift on Wednesdays. 14 out of 28 traffic fatalities were alcohol-related. Please see the 2014 "Focus and Goals" sheet to see how this issue will be addressed.

#### **Automated Photo Enforcement Unit 2013:**

- ➤ Crashes worked- 28
- ➤ Written Citations issued- 751
- ➤ Mobile Citations-21,834

## **EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL**

## <u>AND</u>

## **HOMELAND SECURITY**

## Sgt. Al Tallant

During this calendar year, the bomb squad has responded to one hundred and seven (107) calls for service, an increase from fifty-five (55) calls last year. Each of these incidents was conducted without injury or accident. The amount of explosives recovered this year increased from 2012. We were successful in disposing a portion of the explosive material at the site of recovery, with the remainder being disposed of at the police firing range. All of the certified techs have successfully completed the FBI Hazardous Devices School (HDS). This was done with grant money, with no cost to the department. We have re-certifications for 2 members in 2014 scheduled and 2 more whose certifications will expire toward the end of 2014. All of the re-certifications will be funded by the FBI. Officer Joe Carpenter resigned from the squad as a support member this past year when he was promoted to sergeant, and Officer Bobby Adams, who was added in March 2012, has completed his Emergency Responder Hazardous Materials Technician for CBRNE Incidents (ERHM) School in Anniston, AL in March. This school was a prerequisite for the FBI's Hazardous Devices School and was completely funded by Homeland Security with no cost to the department or city. He is currently waiting on a slot at HDS.

Extensive training was conducted with surrounding agencies as well as with federal agencies. Training was provided to the NRC inspectors this past year in accordance with the contract between the City of Chattanooga and the NRC. This training is to continue for one (1) more year. The training partnership with the ATF has been of great assistance to the squad, and the interagency cooperation has yielded some excellent contacts as well as streamlined criminal investigations. Officer Brown completed the re-certification course for ATF canine handler and has the ATF explosive dog assigned to him. Both the ATF and the FBI responded with equipment and manpower assistance for the US Pro Bike Race that was held Memorial Day, 2013.

All EOD members have completed training for airport clearance and have access to all areas of the airport. Work was completed last year to get the airport maintenance building (old #18 fire hall) for parking of the bomb squad truck. It has proved to be more efficient for responding to calls and is available to respond in inclement weather. All EOD members are in the process of obtaining security clearances through the FBI. Grant money has been sought and being used (100% funding with no matching funds) to purchase vital equipment to keep the squad on the cutting edge of technology.

#### **Homeland Security**

The Buffer Zone Protection Plan (BZPP) grant program has resulted in grants allowing purchase of a large amount of equipment. This money has been used to update equipment for the SWAT Team, Crime Scene Unit, Patrol, Intelligence Unit and the Bomb Squad. Grant expenditures have made the Bomb Squad and SWAT Team two of the best equipped teams in the state.

Multiple site surveys including government facilities, schools, critical infrastructure, and private industry have been conducted. Assistance has also been provided to these agencies in developing comprehensive site safety plans. This is an ongoing operation to keep the information current.

Sgt. Tallant successfully completed in-service training with Tennessee Office of Homeland Security, and continues to be the Terrorism Liaison Officer for the Homeland Security District 3. He also completed intelligence and grant training with Tennessee Department of Homeland Security. He maintains top secret security clearances with the FBI and United States Department of Homeland Security, and attends the monthly JTTF meetings in Knoxville, Tennessee. He has kept a close working relationship the FBI and is on the board of the INFRAGARD Homeland Security workgroup.

## **CANINE / K-9**

## Sgt. Tommy Meeks

The K-9 Unit consists of officers and canines tasked with narcotics searches, explosive material sweeps, and area searches for specific felony suspects. These K-9 teams work various shifts and areas throughout the city in order to provide as much coverage and assistance for patrol as possible.

All K9 Teams performed and succeeded at the USPCA K9 Trials in 2013. The Chattanooga Police Department K-9 division traveled to Guntersville, Al. for the annual USPCA regional trials this year and we have two officers that hold two positions (President and Trustee) on the USPCA Board (Meeks and Joiner). Officer Steve Brown traveled to Bristol, TN to assist Homeland Security with explosive searches for the 2013 spring NASCAR race, and Officer Joiner assisted Homeland Security in the fall of 2013. K9 officers answered 3,813 patrol calls with 281 of those being K9 usages. There were 208 K9 assisted arrests and initiated arrests in 2013. Bomb K9 conducted 112 bomb sweeps on call-outs not including bomb sweeps at the Chattanooga Airport. Bomb K-9s also assisted the airport with 22 Homeland Security drills called VIPER. K9 conducted 44 school searches at public schools and 5 at private schools, as well as 57 K9 Demonstrations during the 2013 year. K9 swept a total of 2,408 vehicles last year between bomb and drug dogs.

#### Additionally the K9 Unit had the following finds and seizures:

15.5 lbs, 11 oz. and 350 grams of marijuana			
12 oz. and 17.3 grams of cocaine			
13.6 grams of crack cocaine			
37.2 oz. of meth			
230 assorted pills (Ecstasy, Xanax and Hydrocodone pills)			
810 moving citations			
\$10,761 currency seized			
36 guns			
11 vehicles seized			
14 drug paraphernalia recovered			

## **SPECIAL EVENTS UNIT**

## Sgt. Austin Garrett

The Special Events Unit is responsible for planning and coordinating all special events within the city of Chattanooga. These range from small gatherings to large scale events such as the 8-day Riverbend Festival, with attendance of approximately 80,000 people per night.

Division personnel are comprised of 1 lieutenant, 1 sergeant, and 1 officer (currently vacant).

This unit is closely involved with every aspect of events to include the permit process, meeting and planning with event organizers, creating event action plans, traffic control, and managing events. This unit works closely with other divisions within the Chattanooga Police Department as well as the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Tennessee Valley Authority Police, Chattanooga Fire Department, Hamilton County Emergency Services, Hamilton County Rescue, to ensure the safety of the public.

This unit also participates in required table top drills and exercises related to the Incident Command Team along with other Emergency Services Agencies in Hamilton County.

#### The Special Events Unit:

- > Processed 155 event permits.
- > Prepared event action plans for, and managed 79 events
- > FEMA mandated Sequoya Nuclear drill.
- ➤ Onsite visit to Tempe, Arizona in preparation for the 2014 Ironman competition to be held September 28 in Chattanooga.
- > Prepared and managed 5 large scale city sponsored events.
- Assisted with 1 POTUS visit related to Amazon.

## SCHOOL PATROL

## Sgt. Cherilyn Bryant

The School Patrol Officers were assigned to the Special Operations Division for the entire calendar year of 2013. The School Patrol unit consists of 35 Schools throughout the city of Chattanooga. We currently have a total 32(thirty two) School Patrol Officers (permanent part time), 2 supervisors, 30 School Patrol Officers that work the school zones and 1(one) full time School Patrol Supervisor, Suzette Carpenter. In reviewing the guidelines for the appointment of School Patrol Officer it was found that we should be covering ALL elementary schools and we were not doing so; therefore, School Patrol Officers were placed at Lakeside Elementary and Lookout Valley Elementary Schools where no School Patrol Officers were assigned.

The School Patrol Officers also worked special events assigned to the Special Operations Division, outside of their regularly scheduled school hours. During the calendar year 2013, they worked a total of 4,397 special assignment hours. They were assigned to over 56 events including our largest events, Riverbend and the US Pro Bike Race.

## **Investigative Services Command**

## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

## Captain Edwin McPherson

The Special Investigations Division consists of the following units: Narcotics and Vice, Highway Interdiction, Auto Theft, Fugitive, and Crime Suppression.

The Special Investigations command structure consists of 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, 7 sergeants, 35 investigators, 2 administrative assistants and 1 civilian audio/video technician. There are 6 units within the division.

#### **Narcotics Unit**

Six Investigators and one civilian audio/video specialist supervised by one sergeant

Our primary function is to identify and prosecute violent and repeat drug offenders, major drug traffickers, and process methamphetamine labs. This unit worked in conjunction with DEA and ATF on cases involving pharmaceutical drugs and local gang members. The Narcotics Unit strives to keep up with emerging and current drug trends which are pharmaceutical and synthetic drugs.

For the year 2013, the Narcotics and Vice initiated or seized the following:

Value of Drugs Seized	\$843,381.43	Crack	\$298,660.00
Currency Seized	\$90,343.03	Meth	\$29,581.00
Arrests	368	Pharmaceutical Pills	\$27,280.00
Charges Placed	716	Marijuana Plants	\$339,200.00
Vehicles Seized	20	Ecstasy Pills	\$602.00
Guns Seized	70	Steroids	\$0.00
Meth Labs	14	Mushrooms	\$42.00
Narcotics Operations	144	Liquid Hash	\$0.00
Vice Operations	76	Heroin	\$300.00
Marijuana	\$85,408.00	Synthetic Drugs	\$0.00
Cocaine	\$62,380.00	Alcohol	\$2,816.00
		Methamphetamine Lab Quarantines	12

## **Vice Unit**

Two investigators supervised by one sergeant.

The primary function of the Vice Unit is the detection, enforcement, and documentation of organized crime and vice law violations. Such violations may include but are not limited to weapons, alcohol, gambling, pornography, and prostitution. The unit also maintains the capability to conduct covert operations for the control of vice, narcotics, and organized crime.

For the year 2013, the Vice Unit investigated or initiated the following:

Poker Machines Seized	10
Adult Entertainment Permits Processed	86

## **Highway Interdiction Team**

Three officers supervised by one sergeant.

The primary function of the Highway Interdiction Team ("HIT") is to patrol the interstates and roadways of Chattanooga daily to interdict and stop criminal drug trafficking on the highways.

For the year 2013, the "HIT" Team initiated or seized the following:

Traffic Stops	1575
Vehicles Searched	168
Arrests: Felony	23
Vehicles Seized	21
Vehicles Recovered	3
Drugs Seized (Value)	\$599,080.00
Monies Seized	\$3,507.00
Weapons	4

## **Auto Theft**

Three investigators supervised by one sergeant.

Auto Theft Unit duties and responsibilities are to investigate and prosecute long and short term auto theft cases, identify dismantled vehicles, work with and assist other agencies and conduct VIN Verifications for the public.

For the year 2013, the Auto Theft Unit investigated or initiated the following:

Cases Assigned	409
Cases Cleared	300
Cases Reviewed	608

Recovered Vehicles	347
Value of Property Recovered	\$3,158,396.00

# **Fugitive**

Three investigators supervised by one sergeant.

Their primary function is to apprehend criminals that are wanted for various crimes. They also assist federal agencies and outside police departments.

For the year 2013, the Fugitive Unit investigated, assisted in, or initiated the following.

Arrested (State/ Federal / Other Agencies)	261	Serious Offenders List Arrests	
		Gang Related Arrests	28
Charges (State/Federal/Other Agencies)	653	Assist to Other Agencies	
		Guns Seized	13

# **Crime Suppression Unit**

16 investigators supervised by two sergeants.

The primary function of the Crime Suppression Unit is to identify and document gang members and maintain a database on all documented gang members and groups within the city. They also are a support unit for other divisions within the police department and are called upon to assist with homicide, robbery, burglary, and narcotic investigations or any other major event that occurs within the city.

For the year 2013, the Crime Suppression Unit initiated the following:

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Felony Arrests	495	Gang Contacts	4447
Misdemeanor Arrests	1441	Community Meetings	64
Gun Arrests	131	Other Division Assist	1304
Guns Seized	213	Search Warrants	151
Drug Arrests	538	DUI Arrests	5
Monies Seized	\$58,489.00	Gang Arrests	557

## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**

# Captain David L. Woosley

The Criminal Investigations Division is made up of two primary divisions with primary specialties. The Major Crimes Division, comprised of Homicide, Juvenile/Missing Persons, Child Abuse/Domestic Violence, Crime Scene Unit and AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System). These divisions are responsible for all major investigations and are tasked with the large responsibility for coordinating these complex investigations in accordance with State law and in conjunction with the District Attorney's office. The divisions also coordinate with a many other state, local and federal agencies. We are particularly proud of this working relationship and the results that such cooperation yields.

The Property Crimes Division is made up of units responsible for burglary, robbery, fraud and pawn investigations. These types of crimes are the ones which impact our community on a personal level with the most regularity. The officers assigned to these investigations take their work personally and seriously. The level of time and dedication to the task is something to behold.

The Criminal Investigations Division is headed by Capt. David Woosley and is staffed with two lieutenants, nine sergeants and forty-eight investigators. as well as six civilians. The ceaseless goal of this division is to reduce crime in the city of Chattanooga. The achievement of this goal is sought through the effective and efficient investigation of criminal events and the relentless prosecution of offenders. A distinct commitment to community involvement through neighborhood meetings, cooperation with state and local outreach organizations, a long term commitment to youth development groups and a sincere desire to be a part of the solution is hallmarks of this division and professionalism and dedication are the words of the day...every day.

## **MAJOR CRIMES**

## Lt. Darrell Whitfield

#### **Homicide Unit**

This unit is responsible for long term criminal investigations including homicide, investigation of deaths which are not known to be of natural causes, aggravated assaults in which the victim is admitted to the hospital, all shooting incidents excluding robbery cases that are not considered to be life threatening, sexual assaults, kidnapping, serious injuries, and any investigation at the request of the police administration or District Attorney's Office.

Patterns, trends and problems that we are experiencing relate to victims, witnesses and suspects being more and more reluctant to cooperate with our investigations due to increased involvement and dedication to gang-related activity. This has made information related to our cases more difficult to obtain and it has become more difficult to get the victims and witnesses to appear in court so that successful prosecution may follow.

For the year 2013, 2012 and 2011 the homicide unit investigated the following cases:

	2013	2012	2011
Homicides	19	24	25
<b>Homicides Cleared</b>	12	18	17
Arrests Made	61	74	64
<b>Search Warrants</b>	183	266	273
Interviews	1072	1498	1730

Of the 19 homicides assigned to the unit in 2013, 7 are pending and 12 are cleared. The unit also cleared two homicides from previous years, bringing the total number of homicides cleared to 14.

The Homicide Unit currently consists of thirteen investigators and two supervisors (not including the lieutenant). Of the thirteen investigators, one is assigned to cold case and one is assigned to computer forensics, leaving eleven investigators for call rotation. It has been the goal of the unit supervision to bring the number of investigators to at least 12 (preferably 14) so that all of the cases assigned to the unit can be more aggressively investigated and so that "Cold Case" homicides can receive more attention. Our unit currently has a recording of 108 unsolved homicides dating back to April of 1979.

The initiatives taken by our Unit have been to create and coordinate with the District Attorney's Office a significant offender list from which the more problematic criminals are targeted for arrest and aggressive prosecution.

#### **Family Investigations Unit**

This unit is responsible for working child abuse and domestic violence cases. In child abuse cases, this unit is responsible for investigating physical abuse when the victim is under the age of 18 and the suspect is a caretaker, all sex abuse cases where the victim is under the age of 12, even if the suspect is not a caretaker, sex abuse cases where the victim is under the age of 18 and the suspect is a caretaker. In domestic violence cases, we handle all domestic shootings, sex offenses, kidnapping, custodial interference, bigamy, police involved, physical assaults and aggravated assaults where the victim may be admitted to the hospital or serious bodily injury may have occurred.

For the year 2013, 2012, and 2011 the Family Investigation Unit investigated the following cases:

Domestic Violence				
	2013	2012	2011	
Aggravated Assaults	125	129	90	
Simple Assaults	77	20	94	
Rape	20	20	38	
Attempt Rape	3	5	25	
Statutory Rape	11	9	15	
Custodial Interference	6	5	12	
Kidnapping	1	6	7	
Neglect	209	221	145	
Arrest Made	45	48	55	
Search Warrant	16	44	23	
Interviews	306	639	614	

Child Abuse			
	2013	2012	
Rape	47	58	
Sex Offense	52	47	
Agg Assault	14	7	
Simple			
Assault	89	120	
All other			
crimes	39	59	
Neglect	23	33	
Arrest Made	31	61	
Search			
Warrant	23	20	
Interviews	556	349	

<sup>\*</sup>In 2011 Family Investigations statistical information was combined. The unit's statistical information was separated in June of 2012.

Four investigators are supervised by one sergeant.

In the Family Investigations Unit, we not only perform our law enforcement duties, we have formed partnerships with several different community organizations. We have an investigator on several different boards to enhance the community involvement and to give people a sense of vested interest in what is going on in their community. We try to also combat the spread of abuse through education. Everyone in the Family Investigations Unit can teach classes. Here is a list of boards we are involved in:

- ➤ Child Protective Investigation Team
- ➤ Child Protective Investigation Management Team
- ➤ Child Fatality Review Team,
- > Sexual Assault Response Team
- Service and Resource and Help
- Coordinated Community Response Team
- Supervised Visitation Consulting Community

#### **Juvenile and Missing Persons Unit**

Three investigators are supervised by one sergeant.

The unit is responsible for criminal investigations when the offender is under the age of eighteen with the exception of homicide investigations. Incidents that occur on school property after the regular duty hours of a School Resource Office (SRO) or incidents en route to and from school or on a school bus stop are investigated, also. This unit is assigned to investigate any adult or child missing person case including runaways. After the authorization by the Chief of Police, the unit is the first to initiate and monitor an "Amber Alert" on an endangered or kidnapped child.

75%

## Cases assigned to the unit in 2013: 327

Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrests: 31

Juvenile Felony Arrests: 3

Adult Misdemeanor Arrests: 1

2012 Approx. Clearance Rate:

#### Cases assigned to the unit in 2012: 400

Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrests: 69

Juvenile Felony Arrests: 2

Adult Misdemeanor Arrests: 1

2012 Approx. Clearance Rate: 95%

Cases assigned to the unit in 2011: 429

Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrests: 60

Juvenile Felony Arrests: 4

Adult Misdemeanor Arrests: 2

2011 Approx. Clearance Rate: 90%

#### **Crime Scene Unit**

The Crime Scene Unit is responsible for the support of criminal investigations by locating, documenting, collecting, photographing, and cataloging any potential piece of evidence recovered at a crime scene. They process evidence and recover latent fingerprints on serious crimes against persons such as homicides and robberies, but also assist all divisions within the police department on a variety of cases. They transport all collected evidence to the evidence/property section and to and from the state crime lab. The unit is also responsible for the searching and production (CDs/DVDs) of in-car video for the department, as well as public fingerprinting and department identification cards.

Some of the problems/patterns that we see have been ongoing for some time, but in recent times, have increased. The main trend and problem that we see are drive-by shootings. With drive-by shootings, little to no evidence is left on the scene, thus limiting the capabilities of our unit to extract evidence for prosecution. Along with this is the lack of witnesses coming forth (or the willingness to come forth) to aid in the information needed to further search for evidence on these cases.

Stats for the years 2011-2013 are as follows:

	2013	2012	2011
# of calls	634	753	635
# of items collected	2415	3223	3071
# of latent prints	266	677	346
# of photographs	26,019	28,061	24,496
# of scene videos	124	147	162
# of lab trips	63	21	15
Time on in-car video	907	918	693

The Crime Scene Unit is staffed with eight (8) investigators, one (1) civilian and one (1) sergeant. Currently, we have four (4) investigators on day shift and four (4) on second shift. For coverage on midnight shift, second shift covers the first half of midnight shift on an on-call status, and day shift covers the second half of midnight shift, also on an on-call status. This allows us to have Crime Scene personnel at the ready 24 hours a day.

Since our personnel is limited, we have trained several patrol officers and property crimes investigators in latent print processing so that crimes we are not available to handle can get processing done. Since our unit has been fully staffed, we have seen a large increase across the board in work output, especially in latent print processing, with a noticeable increase in latent "hits", which has resulted in more positive identifications of criminals.

#### **AFIS 2013**

#### **AFIS: Automated Fingerprint Identification System**

Unit responsibilities are to support investigative units of the Chattanooga Police Department by examination of submitted fingerprint evidence or transfer of fingerprint evidence to appropriate laboratories. This office utilizes a direct connection to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's AFIS database to conduct searches, both latent and ten print. They receive all fingerprints from persons arrested at the jail and retain them in either AFIS files or in the criminal history jackets contained in the CPD room. Expungement orders and duplicate criminal history jackets are also reconciled in the AFIS Unit. The AFIS Unit has been instrumental in the identifications of unidentified deceased persons and persons in local hospitals incapacitated or unconscious without any identification. They are also called upon to establish positive identity when an arrest history is being questioned.

The trends that affect AFIS are directly related to the types of cases that are submitted for examination. For several years, out of necessity, AFIS submitted evidence from homicides and other violent crimes to the TBI for examination. With two IAI certified examiners and another in training, that is no longer the case and the AFIS Unit now examines all cases submitted to their office.

#### STATS 2011-2013

LATENTS	2013	2012	2011
Latent comparisons	43659	52,596	37,646
Searched in AFIS	455	617	372
AFIS 'hits'	102	75	51
Identifications	310	284	207
Cases received	348	351	287

<sup>\*</sup>Several cases with multiple subjects identified multiple times in a series of carjacking/kidnappings and home invasion robberies.

TENPRINTS	2013	2012	2011
10 prints reviewed	11694	13,906	10,830
Expungements	183	54	238
CPD record mergers	10	34	67

Personnel: Two examiners and one civilian (ten print technician) supervised by one case working sergeant. Pending retirements will leave two examiners at year's end.

The AFIS Unit will continue to assist all facets of the Chattanooga Police Department as well as surrounding jurisdictional offices by providing professional examination services. The AFIS unit will also continue to train patrol officers and field investigators in the use of basic powder fingerprint development kits so they may continue to process scenes of minor crimes and submit those impressions for examination.

# PROPERTY CRIMES Lt. Jerome Halbert

# **Burglary Division**

Consists of one sergeant, one secretary and seven investigators split into 2 shifts; All division personnel with the exception of the secretary are sworn police officers.

The Burglary division conducts criminal investigations of commercial and personal burglaries and felony thefts. Individual investigators are thoroughly trained in cause, origin, collecting and preserving physical evidence and interviewing techniques. Investigators maintain local and national training standards for police departments. Additionally, each investigator participates in continuing education courses throughout the year. Upon determination of a criminal offense, cases are assigned to investigators by the division sergeants. Each case is assigned to a primary investigator with additional investigators assigned as needed ensuring accountability for each case. The assigned investigator, after screening the case for solvability factors, researches the case until all reasonable methods of investigation have been exhausted, resulting in arrest or case suspension. A suspended case may be reactivated should new leads develop.

In 2013, the Burglary division investigated 2,362 cases recovering property valued at \$114,734, producing a 6% clearance rate which is below the 2012 national clearance rate of 12.7%, as reported by the FBI (reports attached). Previously, the unit worked 2,752 cases in 2011 with a 9% clearance rate and 2,510 cases in 2012 with 12% clearance rate. The Burglary division will continue to work closely with the private sector as well as other law enforcement agencies striving to reduce the above described felony crimes.

As with any investigative unit, the strength of the unit lies with the professionalism of its investigators. A constant re-assessment of crime trends and a close relationship with other investigative units and patrol divisions is crucial in the solving of burglaries.

# **Robbery Division**

Consists of one sergeant, one secretary and seven investigators split into 2 shifts; All division personnel with the exception of the secretary are sworn police officers.

The Robbery division conducts criminal investigations of armed robberies (both commercial and personal), home invasions and car-jackings. Individual investigators are thoroughly trained in cause, origin, collecting and preserving physical evidence and interviewing techniques. Investigators maintain local and national training standards for police departments. Additionally, each investigator participates in continuing education courses throughout the year.

In 2013, the Robbery division investigated 494 total cases of all robbery classifications combined. Out of those cases, a total of 161 cases were cleared for a 33 % clearance rate. This percentage is above the F.B.I. national clearance rate of 28.7 % for robberies that have been reported in 2012. Previously, the unit worked 436 cases in 2011 with a 35% clearance rate and 546 cases in 2012 with a 33% clearance rate. In short, the Robbery division will continue to work towards maintaining a higher clearance rate than the national average and further foster a safe environment for Chattanooga area businesses and citizens alike.

Cases are assigned by each individual investigator responding to a reported incident during that particular investigator's assigned shift. Each incident has a primary investigator with additional investigators assigned as needed, ensuring accountability for each case. The assigned investigator, after screening the case for solvability factors, researches the case until all reasonable methods of investigation have been exhausted, resulting in arrest or case suspension. A suspended case may be reactivated should new leads develop.

The strength of the unit is comprised of dedicated investigators with a genuine desire to solve cases. A close tracking of trends in the arena of robbery indicates that the problem is not likely to lessen in the near future but familiarity with these trends will assist in developing strategies to combat these crimes.

## **Fraud Division**

Comprised of two investigators and one secretary; All investigative personnel are sworn police officers.

The Fraud division performs secondary investigations relating to forgery, con games, credit card fraud, counterfeit checks, identity theft, and embezzlement, as well as any case the Chief of Police deems necessary.

During 2013, the Fraud division investigated 652 cases with a 35% clearance rate. Previously, in 2011 the unit worked 1,496 cases with a 35% clearance rate. Additionally, in 2012 the unit worked 1,198 cases with 34 % clearance rate.

Fraud division investigators are highly skilled and trained in investigating the aforementioned crimes. Throughout each year investigators engage in classes/courses of advancement and attend seminars in an effort to educate themselves on the latest trends and fraud crimes. The property crimes sergeant assigns cases for follow-up to an investigator.

The investigators review the reported crime and conduct any follow-up inquiries of victims or others as appropriate for clarification/expansion of information. Investigators work closely with agencies such as U.S. Secret Service, FBI, U.S. Postal Inspector, TBI and other local/regional law enforcement officers. Fraud investigators also attend Financial Security Association meetings with local banking officials where there is a sharing of information about local crimes involving banks and credit unions.

The Fraud division is commonly involved with public education and informational forums, community crime prevention and awareness presentations or similar speaking or information dissemination efforts to deter fraud crimes.

## **Pawn Unit**

The Pawn unit is composed of one secretary, one investigator and two civilian employees.

The Pawn unit regulates all pawn shops inside the city limits. Currently thirteen (13) pawn shops are located within the city of Chattanooga. The Pawn unit files approximately 4,500 pawn tickets monthly by date, pawn shop and sequential numbers. On a daily basis, every theft and burglary report submitted by the Patrol Division is reviewed, averaging approximately 1,500 per month. Should a report reflect suspect information or items that can be researched through pawn tickets, the case is assigned to an investigator for follow-up. The unit has one (1) investigator who runs suspect names through all Chattanooga pawnshops as well as north Georgia and Hamilton County while also assisting multiple outside agencies nationwide. Documentation covers everything the suspect has pawned in the past six (6) months enabling the Pawn unit to find other victims matching said pawned property. Additionally, Pawn investigators research and attempt to locate stolen property at pawn shops by manually researching pawn tickets or searching through Visions pawn module. This is VERY tedious work and requires great patience. Every Field Interrogation form is read in an attempt to garner suspicious person's information and each person is run to view items he or she has pawned. The Pawn unit is one of the many intelligence groups within the department dealing daily with multiple agencies. This unit is also the only full time Pawn unit that investigates in this manner in a radius of one hundred and fifty (150) miles.

Throughout the year, individual investigators attend classes and seminars of continuing education as well as attend bi-monthly intelligence sharing sessions through a joint meeting of numerous area law enforcement agencies.

During the year 2011, this unit investigated 1,734 cases, recovered property values at \$132,172.00, screened 11,592 reports and assisted 96 outside law enforcement agency cases in effort to combat crime against people and businesses.

During the year of 2012, this unit investigated 3,050 cases, recovered property valued at \$212,294.56, screened 21,587 reports and assisted with 88 outside law enforcement agency cases in efforts to combat crimes against people and businesses.

During the year of 2013, this unit investigated 1328 cases, recovered property valued at \$299,022.21, screened 9,933 reports and assisted with 79 outside law enforcement agency cases in efforts to combat crimes against people and businesses.

The Pawn unit will continue to work on building a good working relationship with local pawn shops, scrap metal dealers, along with law enforcement agencies at local, state and federal levels.

# **Administrative and Support Services Command**

# TRAINING DIVISION Lt. Jerri Sutton

## **Introduction**

The Chattanooga Police Department Training Division is responsible for increasing the knowledge and professionalism of department officers through regular training initiatives, provisions for information and increased awareness.

### **Initiatives**

The following are activities and events that occurred during the calendar year 2012 to meet the goals of the division:

## **Annual In-Service Training for Sworn Officers**

Subject	<b>Training Hours</b>
Taser	1
EVOC	2
SARAH	1
Workplace Respect	2
Sovereign Citizens	3
Human Trafficking	1
Firearms	8
Organ Donation	1
Child Abuse	1
Mental Illness	2
Use of Force	2
PowerDMS	2
Social Media	1
Crowd Management	3
Exercise/Rewards	1
Life Saving	2
Weapons	2
Fitness Assessment	4
TIBRS	1
STOPS	3
Situational Awareness	2
McKamey Animal Svc	1
Test	1

#### **Annual In-Service Training for Civilian Personnel**

Subject	Training Hours
Policy/Procedure	1
Verbal Judo	1
Customer Service	1
Code of Conduct	1
Social Media	1
CHIP Rewards	1
Workplace Harassment	1
Ethics	1

#### **The Academy Curriculum**

Subject	Training Hours
Firearms	78
Emergency Medical Training	10
Patrol Procedures	227
Interpersonal Communication	35
Professional & Ethical Conduct	7
Physical Training & Defensive Tactics	159
Criminal & Constitutional Law and Procedures	52
Written Communication	39
Human Relations	41
Criminal Justice	12
Police Stress	12
Emergency Vehicle Operation	40
Administration	68
Coaching the Emergency	2
Vehicle Operator	

#### **The Field Training Program**

There are currently 54 FTOs and 10 FTO Sergeants. There were 24 probationary officers trained during 2012. FTO meetings were held monthly and bi-weekly when the probationary officers were in the field.

#### **Career Development**

The program is currently undergoing reorganization and is on hold.

#### **Department-Wide Training**

The department hosted the following schools: Interview and Interrogation, Leadership & Supervision, Crisis Intervention, and Sig Sauer Transition.

#### **The Training Staff**

The Training Staff was comprised of (1) lieutenant, (2) sergeants, (6) instructors and (1) administrative assistant. Staff members attended training throughout the year, some for certification in a specific area and others for recertification in their designated area of instruction. Three staff members were able to attend the Spring Workshop which was held here in Chattanooga and all sworn members attended the annual conference held in Pigeon Forge, TN.

# **RECRUITING DIVISION**

## Lt. Bakari Welles

The Chattanooga Police Department Recruiting Division currently consists of Lt. Welles, Officer Neysa Gorgas- Rios and Officer Moreland Wilson. The division acquired the assistance of PST Gloria Johnson who was later officially reassigned to the Training Division. Sgt. Welles was promoted to Lieutenant in December and left to assume command over the division.

The Recruiting Division participated in the following:

#### 2013 Career Fairs

- > Bryan College-February
- ➤ Chamber of Commerce-November
- Chattanooga State- March
- ➤ Chattanooga School for Arts & Science- March
- ➤ College to Career Fair Atlanta- April/Nov
- ➤ College of Phoenix- April
- > Tennessee Wesleyan- March
- ➤ University of Tennessee @ Chattanooga TN (Boys Summit)-November

#### **Physical Agility Testing**

The Recruiting division assisted City Personnel with physical agility tests that yielded 211 participants.

#### **Background Investigations**

The Recruiting unit processed and completed 160 case files this year in an attempt to create a larger pool of eligible applicants. Out of 160 case files: **Disqualified /Withdrew cases: 96, Cases files that went to panel interview: 64** 

The Recruiting unit, along with the Training division, conducted 6 separate panel interviews for applicants throughout the 2013 year. These interviews were used to allow the Training staff to take a better look at each individual applicant. The interview process was set up in person with a basic Q&A session structure. Out of the 64 applicants interviewed, 52 were given a job offers. 4 out of the 52 were lateral candidates. The start date for academy 2013-2 was November 15, 2013.

# SAFETY OFFICE Ms. Clara Cousin

The Chattanooga Police Department Occupational Safety Unit consists of one full time civilian employee. The primary functions of the unit are as follows:

- Manage and report workman's compensation injury claims for the department coordinating treatment with the City Occupational Safety Manager and our on the job injury provider Marathon Health
- ➤ Investigate on the job injury claims
- ➤ Complete ergonomic evaluations
- > Teach safety classes for new cadets, newly promoted supervisors and yearly In-Service
- Purchase, distribute and maintain safety equipment inventory
- ➤ Monthly fire extinguisher and AED inspections
- ➤ Maintain department personnel records
- > Process Tennessee Open Records requests
- > Process employee grievances
- ➤ Keep track of employee FMLA
- > Facilitate EAP program

#### **Workman's Compensation Claims**

In 2013 there were 88 job related injuries reported. Of these injuries 3 were civilian employees, 15 were cadets, and the remaining 70 were sworn officers. Of the 88 reported cases 16 were possible airborne, blood borne pathogen or hazardous chemical exposures.

#### **Safety Equipment**

The Safety unit maintains 81 AED Units which are available at CPD facilities and in a limited number of patrol vehicles. We continue to install fire extinguishers in vehicles as they are put in service and replace and refill units in current CPD fleet. First Aid kits are continually provided for each vehicle. All stationary fire extinguishers were inspected, serviced and/or replaced as required/needed.

#### **Personnel Records Requests**

As a function of Personnel Record Maintenance, the unit processed 18 personnel file requests for Tennessee Open Records requests as required by the Tennessee Open Records Act.

#### **Supervisor Training**

As part of an ongoing CPD training program for supervisors, conducted training classes related to on the job injury procedures.

# Regulatory Bureau Sgt. Jeff Gaines

The Chattanooga Police Department Regulatory Bureau is tasked with regulating all establishments licensed to serve beer in the city of Chattanooga, all wrecker companies towing vehicles at police request and taxi companies operating in the city of Chattanooga. This involves not only ensuring that these businesses comply with the Chattanooga City Ordinances governing beer sales or wrecker codes but also the application processes to apply to sell beer or tow vehicles at police request.

Violations of the beer codes observed by Regulatory Bureau Officers may result in the business being cited to the Chattanooga Beer Board for possible fines, suspension or even revocation of the beer license. Reports of violations are also forwarded to the supervisor of the unit for review to determine if this is a valid violation and what city ordinance to cite the business for violating. Violations of the wrecker codes may result in the towing company being cited for a violation, losing their place on the city wrecker rotation list, suspension or revocation of the license.

The Regulatory Bureau continually responds to inquiries from patrol division, civilians and other law enforcement agencies regarding general information and complaints about area businesses licensed to sell beer and liquor and vehicle towing companies licensed to tow vehicles at police department request.

Regulatory Bureau personnel conducted alcohol sales compliance checks during the year to determine whether businesses were complying with state and local laws.

Regulatory Bureau personnel assisted with Crime Suppression efforts primarily by accompanying Chattanooga Fire Department officials on checks of businesses licensed to sell beer for fire and occupancy code violations.

Regulatory Bureau personnel attended the Governor's Highway Safety "Hands Across the Border" event in May and August.

Sergeant Haskins accompanied Chiefs Dodd and Kennedy in working with state legislators to enact similar legislation between local beer boards and the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission regarding violators of alcohol sales law.

Regulatory Bureau personnel assisted Chattanooga Police Department Vice officers with serving search warrants at area bars, assisted Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage agents with bar checks, compliance checks, inventory counts and with inquiries regarding establishments licensed to sell beer.

This illustrated the importance of having a unit versed in the Chattanooga beer codes for internal units and external law enforcement agencies to consult.

The Regulatory Bureau regularly works with and assists non-law enforcement agencies such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Hamilton County Coalition Against Drug Use (Weed and Seed), the Advisory Council for Traffic Safety, Tennessee Department of Transportation, Riverbend Festival security and others.

The Regulatory Bureau continues to not only regulate businesses licensed to sell beer in the city of Chattanooga but enforces ordinances to increase public safety by combating underage drinking, over-serving of patrons, disorderly bars and other quality of life, illegal issues.

#### TOTALS FOR MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF REGULATORY BUREAU 2013

Number of businesses checked during Alcohol Sales Compliance checks	
Number of businesses cited for underage sales during Compliance checks	1
Number of underage persons cited/arrested for Underage Drinking during	0
Bar/license checks	
Total income from Taxi, Wrecker and Beer license fees	\$34,500.00
Number of Beer Code violations presented before the Beer Board	23
Amount assessed by Beer Board due to citation by Regulatory Bureau	\$0
Number of licenses approved by Beer/Wrecker Board	133

## **TECHNOLOGY UNIT**

# **Sgt. Daniel Ramsey**

The Technology Unit consists of one sergeant, three officers and two civilians.

#### **Training & Staffing**

- Another member was added to the Technology staff to compensate for one that is away on military duty.
- > Technology manager attended a Tritech conference in an effort to become more efficient in running their software suite.
- ➤ TAC / Alternate TAC attended two mandatory TIES conferences.

#### **Technology & Equipment Advances**

- ➤ Work was continued on a long-term project to upgrade the department's report management/writing software. TriTech RMS 4.5.4 and TriTech FBR 4.5.4 will replace the current report management software packages. Completion is projected during January of 2014.
- ➤ The department has acquired 50 Panasonic second generation laptops to accommodate the new platform (Ram Mounts) docking stations in the Ford Taurus patrol vehicles.
- ➤ The department has reviewed several new technologies to improve officer efficiency. Some of these technologies are cameras that can read up to 6000 tags an hour automatically while the officer patrols his/her districts. When the system runs across a tag that requires enforcement action it notifies the officer immediately.
- Another technology reviewed was the possibly of transitioning to ruggedized tablets in the patrol vehicles. Some of the systems reviewed were less costly than our current system; however, the durability of the tablet itself would have to be established before that venture can proceed. We have requested units to test out our concerns.
- ➤ The department has begun transitioning all Windows XP machines to Windows 7 because Microsoft will stop supporting Windows XP in April 2014. Running an unsupported operating system would leave the department open to cyber-attacks.

# **TERMINAL AGENCY COORDINATOR**

# Ms. Shirley Varner

- ➤ Completed NCIC QUERY certification for police academy (31 students)
- ➤ Completed all paperwork, graded tests, copied and sent to the chief for signature, and then sent originals to TBI. Received certificates for each individual and copied and filed in folder
- ➤ Criminal histories run for various divisions: Recruiting, Ride along program, Citizens' Police Academy, and for NCIC certification for police academy and civilians recertifying (255 students)
- Logged all criminal history transactions for audit purposed for FBI and TBI
- > Completed all paperwork for NCIC query and recertification for compliance with TBI
- Requests sent to TBI for off- line searches (15 students)
- Assisted in taking inventory of equipment and getting serial numbers, etc.
- ➤ Attended TIES User Group Conference twice
- Received and completed all NCIC Hot File Validations throughout the year and validation is done accordingly: Guns-(156), License Plates- (540), Stolen Vehicles and Boats-(250), Missing Persons-(96), and validations are completed monthly
- ➤ Contacted TBI and Diverse Computing Support several times throughout the year concerning requests, questions and problems
- Installed eAgent on several computers and created accounts for employees
- Attended In-Service 16 weeks for NCIC recertification test for sworn personnel
- ➤ Grade tests, ran criminal history on every participant completed TOEF sent to chief for signature, copied all paperwork and sent originals to TBI and filed tests in individual folders (555)
- ➤ Tested VisionRMS software for Tritech for NCIC Query access
- Several conference calls with Tritech and TBI concerning software
- Prepared for and filled out all paperwork sent on the pre-audit questionnaire, made policy copies and assisted in Federal Bureau of Investigation audit for the Chattanooga Police
- ➤ Made corrections to the areas that was out of compliance found during the FBI audit by FBI auditor Chris Wright.
- > Sent letters to TBI on behalf of Tritech for software upgrade
- > Completed portfolio for all satellite agencies
- Worked with TBI on ORI issuance list that was given to the police department for MDT

#### Other duties include:

- > Updated all information in Global Address List for the police department
- ➤ Check all users in Global Address Book and sent list to Information Services of employees who are no longer employed
- Assist TBI and also other agencies with requests and dispositions on arrests
- Assist other satellite agencies when needed